

the specification on page 22, lines 11-12 and what is shown in Figure 5. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a hybrid stencil printing apparatus, method, or computer readable program have all of the structure or method steps as recited, in combination with and particularly including, the image formation unit selection-unit determining whether each image portion of the original data image is a vector or bit-map image and allocating the different image portions to the different printing units as specifically recited.

Additionally, it is noted that applicant specifically defines what is meant by "bit map image" and "vector image" on pages 9-10 of the specification.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Leslie J. Evanisko** whose telephone

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number is **(571) 272-2161**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30 am-6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H. Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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